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1. The barracks installation in Wildpark-West quartered only a guard unit of 150 troops on 12 September 1951. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. The fuel dump in the southeastern section of the installation was empty and so were the motor vehicle sheds. The northern entrance to the tunnel in the Grosse Antenfaengerberg was now located outside the fence surrounding the billeting area and was guarded by two sentries. Motor vehicles were seen leaving the installation. The telephone exchange office in Kuhfurt was operated by about 20 soldiers. Two tents were pitched for quartering these soldiers. Trucks were parked in front of the telephone office. (1)

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2. The Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by a rear unit of about 150 troops on 12 September. Trucks were seen driving out of the billeting area. (2)

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3. About 30 soldiers unloaded billeting equipment from 15 boxcars on 12 September. The equipment was hauled away. About 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying field equipment, marched toward Potsdam, escorted by an officer. Boxes and chairs, which had been unloaded from two other cars, were hauled away by trucks. (3)

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4. The northern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered a rear detail of about 100 troops only on 13 September. Trucks left the installation. (4) The Hohenlohe Kaserne quartered only about 150 soldiers on 12 September. Sedan was seen leaving the billeting area. The Ludendorff Kaserne quartered only about 120 soldiers on 12 September. Two barracks buildings were entirely vacant. (2) Ten boxcars and 30 flatcars, carrying 4 trucks, 2 radio trucks and 2 antennae trailers, stood at the Drewitz railroad station on 12 September. About 18 officers and 40 NCOs, wearing black-bordered black epaulets with some of them wearing signal insignia, stood at the ramp. (5)

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5. After the departure of the artillery unit from the northern section of the Delius Kaserne the section quartered only a rear detail of 60 soldiers on 13 September. From conversations of soldiers, it was learned that the artillery unit had left for Altengrabow. The southern section of the Delius Kaserne had not yet been reoccupied by 13 September. (h)
6. At the beginning of September, it was learned that the German employees at Soviet offices in Potsdam had been discharged. The German women were replaced by Russian female civilians.

7. [redacted] the hotel on Messestrasse [redacted] was occupied to beyond capacity by about 650 officers. It was said that Soviet officers and civilians were allegedly not allowed to take up billets or stay overnight in non-Soviet quarters. (6)

Comments.

- (1) According to the information, the components of the [redacted] artillery division permanently stationed in the barracks installation in Wildpark-West, Potsdam, were still at Altengrabow until 12 September 1951.

Regarding a report on the shifting of boundaries of the billeting area of mid-May 1951 [redacted] it is possible that the entrance to the tunnel in the Antenfaengerberg is now located outside the fence. Information on the telephone exchange office near Kuhfurt was contained in a previous report.

- (2) [redacted] On the basis of the present report, it is believed that the rest of the elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div quartered there moved to Mustraw and Altengrabow respectively during the first week of September 1951.

- (3) [redacted] the train with the billeting equipment, which was unloaded and then hauled away by vehicles of the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam and the 6th Arty Div and by vehicles of the GOFG had been dispatched from Altengrabow on 12 September 1951. [redacted]

- (4) The information from the northern section of the Delius Kaserne confirms the transfer to Altengrabow of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig between 10 and 12 September 1951. [redacted] According to the present report, the expected reoccupation of the southern section of the Delius Kaserne by components of the unidentified artillery division from Wildpark-West, Potsdam, had not occurred by 13 September 1951.

- (5) [redacted] report indicated that the train was going to Burg and, [redacted] carried a unit of the [redacted] signal regiment, possibly the 66th, of the GOFG. [redacted]

- (6) The hotel on Messestrasse is restricted to General Officers.

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